

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

2. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 8, wherein said e-mail messages include e-mail messages in plain text form.
3. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 8, further comprising an e-mail pager, producing said e-mail messages.
4. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 8, further comprising a cellular telephone, producing said e-mail messages.
5. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 8, wherein said information ~~translating~~determining part receives and translates a user ID and password as part of said email messages.
6. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 8, wherein said information ~~translating~~determining part ~~accepts e-mail messages which include instructions to change-~~automatically recognizes phrases that include the word "bid" in said email as one of said words and where said action is a bid on one said items for sale over the Internet~~bids on items in auctions for which a user has been previously outbid.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 8, wherein said information ~~translating~~determining part also sends e-mail messages indicative of information about said auctions.

8. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:  
a web server, producing a web page which is available on the Internet, wherein said web server is a server that hosts auctions of items for sale and maintains auction bids for items for sale over the Internet; and  
an information ~~translating~~determining part associated with said web server which receives e-mail messages and ~~translates~~obtains information from said e-mail messages, said information being in ~~into~~ a form which can interact with said web page being produced by said web server;  
~~wherein said web server is a server that hosts auctions of items for sale and maintains auction bids for items for sale over the Internet, and~~  
wherein said information ~~translating~~determining part having a keyword recognition system which recognizes at least one word in at least one of the email messages to determine automatically a desired action of said email without requiring a special form for the email to recognize said at least one word,  
and wherein said information determining part also sends e-mail messages that include information about items in said auctions for sale over the Internet, on which items a user has been outbid.

9. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 8, wherein said information ~~translating~~determining part produces and sends messages which include a

session identification indicator that identifies said auction information, and that where said session identification indicator is a unique value, that unambiguously represents an item in said auction information.

10. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 9, wherein said information ~~translating~~determining part detects a reply to ~~one of said a~~ plain text ~~messages-message~~ which reply including said session identification indicator, and takes action on a specified auction based on said session identification indicator.

11. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 8, wherein said information ~~translating~~determining part also sends e-mail messages indicative of actions occurring on said web page.

12. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 11, wherein said e-mail messages include a session ID indicative of said actions where said session ID is a unique value, that unambiguously represents an item to be bid on.

13. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 12, wherein said session ID is included as part of a return address in the e-mail message.

14. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 13, wherein the session ID is used to interact with said actions on said Web page.

15. (Previously Presented) A system as in claim 10, wherein said action includes placing a new bid.

16. (Currently Amended) A system as in claim 8, wherein said keyword recognition system in said information ~~translating~~ determining part automatically detects a new bid amount as part of a sent message.

17. (cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 22, further comprising sending a second e-mail that has instructions on a specific interaction with said web page.

19. (cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
producing a web page on a server that is connected to the Internet, wherein said web page is a web page for a server that hosts Internet based auctions; and  
receiving a first e-mail message on the server, which e-mail has instructions to interact with said web page;  
on the server, using a keyword recognition system to automatically recognize at least one word in the first email message, to determine automatically a desired action of said email without requiring a special form for the first email message to recognize said at least one word.

wherein said ~~web page is a web page for a server that hosts Internet based~~  
auctions;

wherein said at least one word comprises a word that instructs receiving  
~~comprises receiving an instruction to bid~~ on an item on an Internet based auction; and

wherein said item is an item on which a user has been previously outbid.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 22, wherein said web  
page is an e-commerce site.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 22, wherein said web  
page is a web page for a server that hosts Internet based auctions.

25. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 24, wherein said e-mail  
message includes a session ID indicative of an individual auction on said web page,  
where said session ID is a unique value, that unambiguously represents one of said  
individual auctions.

26. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim ~~19~~ 22, wherein said ~~e-~~  
~~mail message with information includes information about said auctions on which a user~~  
~~has been previously outbid~~ keyword recognition system automatically recognizes  
phrases that include the word "bid" in said email as one of said words.

27. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 26, further comprising  
replying to said first e-mail message with instructions to increase a bid.

28. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 18, wherein said e-mail message includes session ID information that represents said individual auction on which said user has been previously outbid, where said session ID is a unique value, that unambiguously represents one of said individual auctions.

29. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 28, further comprising replying to said e-mail message with said session ID information, and modifying a bid on said web page responsive to said replying.

30. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 29, wherein said session ID is part of a return address for said e-mail.

31. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 29, wherein said replying includes specifying an amount of a bid to be placed.

32. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 22, wherein said e-mail message includes a session ID indicative of an individual item on said web page, and where said session ID is a unique value, that unambiguously represents said individual item.

33. (Cancelled)

34-64. (cancelled)

65. (new) A system, comprising:

a web server, producing a web page which is available on the Internet, wherein said web server produces a web page that hosts auctions of items for sale and maintains auction bids for items for sale over the Internet; and

an information determining part associated with said web server which receives e-mail messages and automatically determines information from said e-mail messages in a form which can interact with said auctions on said web page being produced by said web server;

wherein said information determining part having a keyword recognition system which recognizes at least phrases that include the word "bid" in an email message to determine automatically that a bid action is being requested by said email, and automatically provides information about said bid action to said web server, wherein said web server also accepts a bid based on said information about said bid action.

66. (New) A system as in claim 65, wherein said information determining part produces and sends messages which include a session identification indicator that identifies said auction information, and that where said session identification indicator is a unique value, that unambiguously represents an item in said auction information.

67. (New) A system as in claim 66, wherein said session identification indicator is included as part of a return address in the e-mail message.

68. (New) A system as in claim 66, wherein said session identification indicator is included as alphanumeric information in the email.

69. (New) A system as in claim 66, wherein the session identification indicator is used to interact with said actions on said Web page.